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HB 40

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**From:** Amber Wood-Jensen [amber@butteplazainn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2007 3:19 PM  
**To:** info@helenachamber.com  
**Subject:** HB 40

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today regarding HB 40. I would like to voice my support for this bill. Film promotion in our state serves a vital role in economic development. On numerous occasions our hotel has housed film crews for several days, even weeks, while they are in the state filming. This clearly produces revenue for our hotel, but it also produces revenues for our on-site lounge and restaurant. I urge all Montanans to support this bill as it will act as a tool in economic development for our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amber Wood-Jensen, General Manager  
Best Western Butte Plaza Inn  
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**From:** Steve Wickliffe [mngr-professional@oldworks.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2007 3:51 PM  
**To:** info@helenachamber.com  
**Subject:** HB 40

To Montana Legislators,

The movie incentives that have been utilized in the past and in HB 40 were helpful to Old Works Golf Course on two separate occasions this past summer. We believe continued support and enhancement of these incentives is important.

Thank you,

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**From:** Tizer [tizerld@mt.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2007 8:51 PM  
**To:** info@helenachamber.com  
**Subject:** House Bill 40

To our Montana Legislators:

Recently it has come to my attention that there is currently a bill in the house, HB #40 that would assist film makers from out of state, with expenses while they are filming here. I understand that if a film company hired a crew from Montana that they would also be rebated an additional amount.

As a small business person in the state of Montana, I have had the benefit of a film crew visiting my premise and I would vouch to the tremendous benefits we have received as a result. Business catapulted! People see an independent film production focused on your business and they come in droves. But the economic benefit to the community while that crew is here is also incredible.

Please do whatever it takes to entice outside publicity to this wonderful State. It is well worth the rebate to everyone! I appreciate your time and commitment to our great state.

Sincerely,

Belva Lotzer  
Tizer Botanic Gardens

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**From:** Patricia Lewis [lewis@radonmine.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2007 9:20 PM  
**To:** info@helenachamber.com  
**Cc:** siversen@mt.gov  
**Subject:** In support of HB 40

Dear Legislature:

Our facility and guests have most recently been filmed for an upcoming History Channel documentary. In the past, we've been subject of a Travel Channel destination which has aired time and time again, year after year. 2 - 3 times per year we are offered some type of film news opportunity, representing national and international producing companies.

We feel that we benefit from each exposure. We urge you to support HB 40 to encourage and aide the film industry's continued interest in Montana destinations.

Best regards,

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